Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Project No. 15057-000

One Drop Hydro, LLC

Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted For Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Competing Applications

On November 23, 2020, One Drop Hydro, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Manville Dam Project (project), on the Blackstone River in Providence County, Rhode Island. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of: (1) an existing 246-foot-long, 18-foot-high stone masonry, arch-gravity dam with a crest elevation of 105.72 feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88); (2) an existing impoundment with a surface area of 2.83 acres and a total storage capacity of 45.45-acre-feet at a surface elevation of 106.22 feet NAVD 88; (3) two new 125-kilowatt (kW) Siphon Kaplan turbine-generator units for a total installed capacity of 250 kW; (4) a new transformer and 528-foot-long, 13-kilovolt transmission line connecting the turbine-generator units to the regional grid; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the Manville Dam Project would be 1,839 megawatt-hours.

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Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.aspx. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy.

Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-15057-000.

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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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